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09/603,307

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 24 July 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

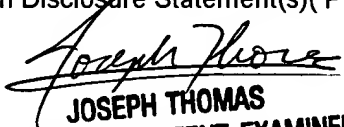
NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: None.Claim(s) objected to: None.Claim(s) rejected: 60-108.Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 1-59 (canceled)

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


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Note: Applicant's proposed amendment to claim 60 "displaying a first claim processing step on a display device coupled to a computer system"-and "displaying a table of contents on the display device" and displaying the second insurance claim processing step on the display device"; and to claim 61 "wherein the second insurance claim processing step comprises displaying a report on the display device"; and to claim 75 "providing a display on a display device coupled to a computer system" and providing a display on the display device"; and to claim 78 "a method for dynamically creating a table of contents display screen on a display device coupled to a computer system"; and to claim 79 "a display device coupled to the CPU; and to claim 80 "wherein displaying the second insurance claim processing step comprises displaying a report on the display device" are a significant change in the scope of claims, and requires further search and consideration.

Consideration of 5:

Applicant's request for consideration does not place the application for allowance because: Applicant argues features that have not been entered as of the present communication, and Applicant's remarks fail to consider the full teachings of the applied references in the manner discussed in the prior Office Action. At pages 16-17 of the 07/24/03, Applicant argues that (1) Borghesi fails to teach "table of contents". However, the Examiner disagrees.

With respect to Applicant first argument, Examiner respectfully suggests that Borghesi discloses "a setup menu with the table 345 of predetermined events that are available for selection in the events tab. The event log is useful both for appraisers/adjusters and insurance company managers to monitor claim processing efficiency " which correspond to Applicant claimed feature (See Borghesi, Col.15, lines 24-33). Therefore, Applicant argument is not persuasive.

At page 16 of the 07/24/03, Applicant argues that Abbruzzese's table of contents is not "ordered list of steps". However, the Examiner disagrees.

With respect to Applicant second argument, Examiner respectfully suggests that Abbruzzese discloses "press a PFkey below or RETURN to do Next Trans" which correspond to Applicant claimed feature (See Abbruzzese, TABLE I; Col.17, lines 44-55). Therefore, Applicant argument is not persuasive.

At page 20 of the 07/24/03, Applicant argues Borghesi does not teach "a report comprises a value of the insurance claim. However, the Examiner disagrees.

With respect to Applicant third argument, Examiner respectfully suggests that Borghesi suggests " graphic user interface also permits ease of access to information and calculations from traditionally separate insurance processing modules. For example, a total loss calculation may be directly juxtaposed with a vehicle damage estimate on the same computer screen in the "Totals" tab when the "Settlement" frame is selected which correspond to Applicant claimed feature (See Borghesi, Col.10, lines 29-34). Therefore, Applicant argument is not persuasive.

At pages 20-22 of the 07/24/03, Applicant fourth argument, Applicant argues that Borghesi does not encompass redisplaying a previous processing step. However, the Examiner disagrees.

With respect to Applicant fourth argument, Examiner suggests that Borghesi discloses " Information entered through the graphic user interface into a workfile automatically updates related calculations for the different insurance claims process used within the work file. All aspects of the workfile in calculations regarding an insurance claim can be accessed through a single user interface" which correspond to Applicant claimed feature (See Borghesi, Col. 10, lines 29-45). Therefore, Applicant argument is not persuasive. Other arguments presented appear to rehash issues addressed in the Final Rejection of 04/21/03